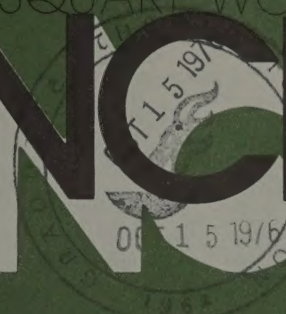


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FOURSQUARE WORLD

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SPECIAL ISSUE: FOURSQUARE'S WIDE WORLD

There is much confusion and uncertainty in Christendom today about the mission of the Church. The Word of God affirms that the Great Commission is the believer's mandate (Matthew 28:19, 20).

Every Christian must have a clear understanding of the Church's nature and mission and recognize his participation as being vital to the fulfillment of that mission. It is the mission of the Church to extend its boundaries to the ends of the earth and to grow through the communication of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From its birth, on the Day of Pentecost, the Church has grown because of missions and it will continue to grow as it fulfills Christ's command (Mark 16:15).

The opportunity to obey His divine command has never been greater. Modern discoveries and technology of the twentieth-century space age have provided the Church with many tools for reaching the unreached. But, these tools are useless without men. While we are looking for more money, means and methods for the furtherance of the Gospel, God is looking for new men and women. He uses everyone that is willing to be used—people of all ages, cultures and professions, each one called to be a witness of His love and grace. A missionary is more than a witness in that he witnesses and uses his

spiritual gifts in a culture different than his own. Senders and those sent are united as one great army marching under the mandate of the Great Commission.

Recognizing the urgency of the hour and the great harvest of souls that needs to be harvested before the soon return of Jesus Christ, the Church is engaged in intensive, mission outreach. New concepts and methods are being used to reach modern man, and as a result, tremendous growth of the Church is being witnessed around the world. Yet, the population explosion continues at an alarming rate with at least half of the world still having not heard the Gospel and needing to be reached for Jesus Christ.

As we recognize the supreme reason for the Church's existence—that of helping all people of all lands to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, as Christians, we have a responsibility before God to be involved in world missions!

Dr. William F. West

Dr. William F. West joined the Foursquare Missions Department as Communications and Promotional Coordinator on April 1, 1976. He previously served as a missionary to the Philippine Islands. [4]



President and Mrs. Rolf K. McPherson celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary on July 21. Dr. McPherson addressed the Angelus Temple **Latin Congregation** on the occasion of its **10th Anniversary**. He also addressed the ministers of the **Northwest District** at a Minister's Breakfast as well as speaking at the **Midwest District Convention**. President McPherson was present for the Dedication Service of the new facilities of the **Hermosa Beach, Ca. Foursquare Church** (formerly Manhattan Beach, Ca.) as well as the Note Burning Service of the **Salem, Ore. Foursquare Church**.

Churches celebrating **50 years of ministry** include **Burbank, Monrovia and Santa Paula, Ca.** and **Urbana, Ill. Foursquare Churches**. Foursquare officials participating in these Anniversary Services includ-

ed: President McPherson (Burbank and Santa Paula, Ca.); Vice President and Mrs. Courtney (Urbana, Ill., Oct. 24) and General Supervisor and Mrs. Nicholls (Monrovia and Santa Paula, Ca.).

"If My People..."

The national tour of the sacred musical, "If My People...", ministered in **60 cities to 140,000 people** in this, our bicentennial year. Composed by Jimmy and Carol Owens, members of the Van Nuys, Ca. Foursquare Church, the musical's purpose was to call the Church to prayer for the nation. Narrators for the musical included **Pat Boone** and **Dean Jones**, among others.

The investiture of **Dr. N. M. Van Cleave**, Executive Director of LIFE Bible College, took place Sept. 19 at 2:30 p.m. in Angelus Temple.

Freshmen students numbering **145**, enrolled for the fall semester at **LIFE Bible College**.

Church Growth and Evangelism Director, **Donald L. McGregor** held Church Growth Seminars in Foursquare Churches in Oklahoma City, Okla., the Ventura, Ca. Division and Granada Hills, Ca.

The **F.I.L.L.** Conference team will travel to the Eastern District as well as ministering at the Great Lakes District Convention during the month of October. **F.I.L.L.** (Foursquare Involvement Learning Lab) members include: Dr. and Mrs. Vincent R. Bird, Revs. Kathie Brackman, Mary Lou Canata, John Bowers and Dan Ussery.

PRESENT WITH THE LORD

Frances Harwell, Bruce L. Sayers.

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INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY

By Dr. Leland Edwards
Director of Foreign Missions

PLEASE, KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

May I kindly ask for a little of your time to consider, specifically, what God has asked His people to do. When any important planning is in mind and heart, we, first of all, have to decide on the GOAL.

1. *Jesus said: "I will build my church"* (Matthew 16:18). How are we, His followers, to carry that out? He said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations (make disciples), baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19, 20).

The command is to communicate the Gospel to the people and make disciples. So, we have the solid teaching as our missionary objectives to: (1) evangelize; (2) disciple and; (3) establish an ongoing Church—a Church that will become indigenous (self-propagating, self-supporting and self-governing).

Several months ago a profile was made of many of the Foursquare Churches in different parts of the United States and Canada. Several thousand members answered the 150 questions for the survey, and the printout revealed many interesting things. For instance: the question that asked about the greatest motivation for world missions, 53.3% stated that the greatest motivation is Christ's commission—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

2. *The necessary resources to carry out the plan.* Let's look at two main needs: manpower and

funds. We have a missionary outreach in some 31 countries of the world because missionaries have been sent. Missionaries are "sent ones". They are called of God, know His Word, full of the Holy Spirit, able to communicate, are good leaders, adjust to new cultures, are submissive to God and the authority that He has placed in His Church, have their homes in good order, are good managers, and also have good health to carry out the ministries that God has sent them to do.

In Foursquare Missions, the bylaws of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel state that each Foursquare Church will take up missionary offerings for the support of Foursquare Missions. The funds are sent from the local Foursquare Church to the Foreign Missions Department. Foursquare Missions is a church-related mission. Statistics on church growth very solidly prove that the greatest church growth is through church-related missions. Foursquare missionaries do not have to spend time writing letters, sending out form letters to a mailing list, cranking a mimeograph, etc. to get their monthly support. God sent them through the Church as missionaries with specific ministries.

Any plan, to be successful, must be carried out. Let's begin with the preparation and selection of missionary personnel. Foursquare Missions has a high standard. God wants His people well prepared. There are the ministries of evangelism, teaching, training through Bible institutes, colleges and extension programs, home Bible study meetings, pastoral, radio, literature, youth and children's ministries, camps, day schools, orphanages, administration and supervision, pastor's conferences, conventions, social and relief work, discipleship ministries, Third World missionary ministries, linguistics, television and other specialized ministries.

Specifically, where is the place of the Foreign Missions Department in this movement?

There is the selection and appointment of missionary personnel. Applications are submitted to the Missionary Cabinet and the International Board by the Director of Foreign Missions. After appointments are made, preparations involving many details need to be carried out before the appointee can leave for the field. The new missionary unit will need entry permits for the country to which he has been appointed, guarantee of support (this is required by national law) must be made, and equipment to help carry out the work supplied. The missionary must have the proper tools. Then, there is the sending of the missionary family, shipment of personal effects and equipment, airfare, housing, transportation, equipment for the field, schooling for the children, language study, and securing locations for campaigns and meetings. We must also be prepared to help with emergencies.

The establishment of the Church on foreign soil involves the following: registration with the government, property purchases, construction of church buildings and Bible colleges to form headquarters of operation.

After the term on the field, the missionary family needs to return home for furlough. So, again, there are many details that need to be cared for.

While home on furlough, the missionary itinerizes, visiting the local churches and reporting on the things God is doing.

Also, the Foreign Missions Department has a responsibility of requiring the monthly and yearly reports from each field. These are submitted to the International Convention. Our local churches and constituencies are informed of what God is doing through His people in the various nations. Thus, there is much planning and promotion so that the work will go forward.

Remember the goal: "*Build my church*". Jesus does this by the Church sending out missionaries to evangelize, disciple and to establish an ongoing Church. 4



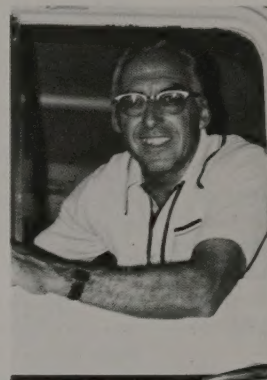
MEN FROM FOUR WALKS OF LIFE TELL WHAT ASPECT OF MISSIONS MEANS MOST TO THEM

ERNESTO LEGASCA, National Leader
The Philippines

Missionaries have been essential in establishing and building up the Philippine Church, as in all countries. But, now as the Church grows and develops, will the continuance of the country as a receiving field help or impede the wholesome natural growth of an indigenous and responsible church?

Where other denominational leaders advocate the withdrawal of missionaries and severance of ties with the sending body, the Four-square Gospel Church in the Philippines is requesting more missionaries. I believe that evangelism and missions is not the exclusive task of anyone. As the task is so great, there will always be a place of ministry for missionaries. Each member of the universal Body of Christ, foreigner or national, has every right to claim the Great Commission as his authority to do mission work in any country. This is God's will. He is no respecter of persons.

Missionaries have been effective in the ministry and I am convinced that the increase in missionaries today will undoubtedly help the growth of an indigenous and responsible Church. Today, there are about 170 Filipino missionaries serving the Lord in other countries, especially in Southeast Asia. Among this number, the Foursquare Gospel Church in the Philippines, in collaboration with an interdenominational agency is helping support a missionary family in Hokkaido, Japan. This year, the Lord willing, we plan to send another family to neighboring Indonesia, the fifth largest nation in the world. The time is long overdue for a "receiving church" to become a "sending church." For many years, the Philippines Church has been blessed with opportunities of Christian training and exposure to various types of Christian ministries. Like the Apostle Paul, the Philippine Church feels that "necessity is laid upon me" to preach the Gospel to other countries. If we lose sight of the fact that the burden of the Bible is a missionary burden, the scope of which is the whole world, then our growth will be retarded. May God help us see that the life of the Church is the life of Christ, hence, the mission of Christ is the mission of the Church.



GLENN HARRIS, Layman
Victorville, Ca.

Soon after starting out as a wage earner, I felt my responsibility regarding stewardship. As a Crusader Youth, I was challenged, especially by Dr. Harold Chalfant speaking in rallies and at Camp Radford, to give regularly to foreign missions through the Gold Star plan which encouraged consistent giving. It is like putting money in the bank—the money earns interest. So, investing in missions earned interest in what was being accomplished, and I liked what I saw!

After World War II, my brother, Ralph, a dedicated Christian, asked me to join him in a partnership in heavy-duty trucking. I think the deciding factor of going into business was the possibility of being able to give more to missions. In *Mover Of Men And Mountains*, R. G. LeTourneau relates that at a time in his younger days, when torn up, wondering whether to go to the mission field or plunge into business, his pastor told him, "God needs businessmen as well as preachers and missionaries."

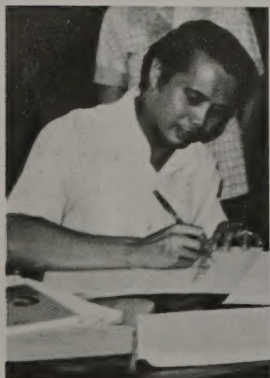
It has been exciting to become personally acquainted with several of our missionaries, to hear firsthand of experiences and the victories the Lord has given them. Their high quality and dedication has been most impressive.

During the past few years, our church has enjoyed the privilege of helping place dedicated, young people on the field to assist. It is a joy to see them release the missionaries for more important service while getting invaluable experience themselves.

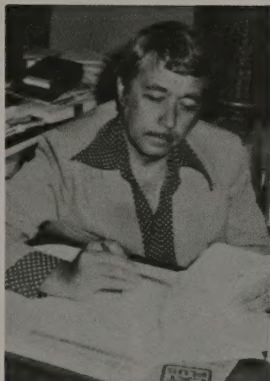
Today's world-wide harvest is important. It's happening. *It's great!*

THE INVESTMENT

THE INDIGENOUS CHURCH GROWTH



THE LABORERS



JAMES HOUPT, Pastor
Muir, Pa.

Today I have access to the WORLD by travel, television, radio and the printed page. As I view the world, I see it "ripe unto harvest." Never in history has a single society taken up such a wide range of religions and near-religious systems at one time.

The Church of Jesus Christ is not new. It was established nearly 20 centuries ago and, yet, it was reported at the 1966 World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin that there are more than one million towns in the free world with no Gospel message.

I often think: *What would it be like if I lived in a town where a hymn was never sung? (Especially when I remember how the hymns have cheered my life.) Where I never saw a church, never heard a sermon or a preacher, and never heard of Jesus?*

It is hard to imagine the emptiness of it all, especially when we are so "full."

Today we have a Herculean task, that of preaching the Gospel to every nation. It can only happen with vision, giving and going. Today, I see as the greatest need of missions the need for laborers, and the greatest slothfulness on the part of the Church in praying for laborers as Jesus commanded. At the close of World War II, General MacArthur is reported to have requested 1,000 missionaries for Japan to turn that nation to Christ. There were not enough laborers. It is illustrated by the experience I had when watching a newscast on television of an oil fire in the Gulf of Mexico. They interviewed a man with a small boat who had rescued a few of the men. He wept and said, "I was the only one endeavoring to rescue the men. But, my boat was too small, and I saw the men going down."

Missions will happen when the Church receives a vision and begins to obey the Scripture to pray for laborers... laborers like the man who rode the horse through the streets of Johnstown, Pennsylvania warning the residents of the impending flood and was overtaken by the waters himself. He was willing to give his life to warn others.

MITCHELL BELOBABA, Missionary
West Africa

The concepts that I share are not one man's idea but rather an expression of the philosophy of Foursquare missions, which is the establishment of what is known as the indigenous church program, where the national church becomes self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating.

Into what world should the church of North America invest its missionary dollars and personnel? After carefully considering the question, I came to the conclusion that the Third World countries (those nations, many of which have won their independence and are seeking their own national identity) should receive concentrated effort in our mission's program. I do not say this because our base is the Third World nation of Nigeria, but I offer four supportable reasons for consideration.

1. Third World nations have their overcrowded slum areas with the masses of people living in deplorably crowded conditions. But, they also have modern structures that dot the major cities showing that these people have a measure of skill and ability to produce something with what they have. They have modern means of transportation and communication. Nigeria is 13th in world's production of oil. We use such modern inventions for the proclamation of the Gospel at home, why not overseas?

2. The caliber of manpower available in countries of the Third World. Men that are highly qualified, because of their educational and professional background, are assuming places of leadership in the national church. If Nigeria was a 4th or 5th world country, you would not find such caliber of individuals to function in these supportive roles and additional missionary personnel would be required from America.

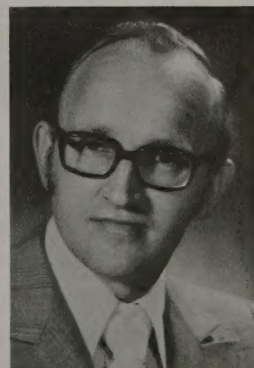
3. Distance. In 1974 we took the Foursquare Gospel into the country of Ghana. If we had sent a missionary from Los Angeles, our headquarters, it would have meant sending someone 7,000 miles. We sent a qualified man from Nigeria only 310 miles away. Distance makes a tremendous difference in regards to supervision and the giving of assistance.

4. Financial support. When you establish a church in a developing country you are tapping an additional source of revenue for God's missionary program. Translated into U.S. funds, Nigeria raised over \$19,000 for missions in 1975. As the church grows, so does the missionary giving. These are not cold statistics, these numbers represent people.

The people of the world have a special place in the heart of God. It was to this world that Jesus Christ came to die. It is to this world that He will come again. Let us occupy until that day, by taking the Gospel to every region of the earth.

[4]

THIRD WORLD PENETRATION



PEOPLE:

Missions-minded Tim Cauble gains faith from others' experiences

I'm glad to be a part of an organization that has a vision for missionary outreach throughout the world. As a young person, I've enjoyed seeing and hearing how God has used those who are obedient to Him, in reaching thousands of souls. Personally, I feel I have learned some lessons through their experiences that are relevant everywhere. An example is an episode Reverend and Mrs. Harold Curtis, then missionaries to Nigeria, experienced which involved much danger to their lives. Summoned on a mission to pray for a woman demon possessed, the Curtises traveled in the middle of the night through perilous jungles to reach the possessed woman. God delivered the woman and protected the missionaries from danger. The amazing part of this incident was the way the Holy Spirit impressed a woman 5,000 miles away to pray for the Curtises the entire six hours they were on this mission, pleading the blood of Jesus over their lives. I was really impressed with the truth that the same God watching over them is equally effective in our lives here. In God's sovereign plan, this lady was positioned to do God's work in God's time by God's Spirit and power. She was sensitive and obedient to the Spirit of intercessory prayer in the missionaries' time of desperate need. God does not "throw them out alone" but expects us to share the responsibility of upholding our missionaries in support and prayer.

Jesus came to bring salvation, and with His life He set an example for us to follow. Although He was God, He came to earth as a man, was tempted as we are, but lived His life as a testimony before all to see. This was His mission, while our mission is to recognize Him as Saviour and to continue to be an example of His life and an outreach of His love, reaching out to those around us both near and far. This is our Great Commission as heirs of the Father and members of the family of God. [4]



Missions through the eyes of children ages 5-9

Questions & Answers

What Is A Missionary?

Sharon: A missionary is someone who goes to far away countries to tell people about Jesus Christ.

Julie: A missionary takes a boat across the ocean and brings food to other people.

Kathy: A missionary is a person who goes around making churches.

Debbie: Missionaries travel from place to place.

What Kind of Houses Do Missionaries Have?

Paul: Missionaries live in tents.

Tim: A missionary would live in a trailer.

What Is A Missionary Like?

Matt: A missionary is like a person.

Sherry: I think they have black skin.

Maureen: Missionaries probably don't have some of the things we have, because they go and help other people.

Joe: Their children would act right, and if they didn't, they would get a spanking 'cause missionaries' children know how to act. [4]

Use this pull-out section as your missions prayer reminder.

MISSIONS PROFILE

A Special 12-month Report

God's Family embraced 179,186 new CONVERTS as they received Jesus as Savior in 31 countries.

Miracles of HEALING were realized in 359,582 (people prayed for).

THE BAPTISM with the HOLY SPIRIT was realized by 17,871.

WATER BAPTISMS numbered 24,146 which demonstrated an outward sign of an inside work.

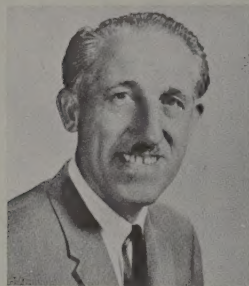
A total of 254,634 NEW MEMBERS were added to Foursquare Churches on foreign soil.

CHURCHES and MEETING PLACES numbered 3,003 with 3,436 NATIONAL PASTORS, WORKERS, TEACHERS and EVANGELISTS laboring together to bring in the harvest.

Men and women received instruction from God's Word and training for ministry in 45 BIBLE INSTITUTES.

The air waves pealed the Gospel message through 11,990 hours of RADIO BROADCASTING.

MEXICO



Mantei/Mexico

Paz/Mexico



CARIBBEAN



Curtis/Jamaica

EUROPE



Denos/Greece



Aguirre/S

King/Nicaragua
Truett/Honduras
Gosling/El Salvador



Pritchett/Costa Rica
Coppens/Guatemala
Coombs/Panama



Walker/Costa Rica
Espeseth/Guatemala



Donham/Canal Zone



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Weilein/Honduras

CENTRAL AMERICA

Hughes/New Guinea



Cowan/Australia



SOUTH PACIFIC



Belobaba/West Africa



Manthe/S

AFRICA

Frederick/Argentina
Anderson/Bolivia



Gurney/Argentina
Aerl/Brazil



Pummel/Chile
Faulkner/Brazil
Richey/Ecuador



Firth/Colombia
Royer/Brazil
Douglas/Ecuador



Edwards/Venezuela
Hawley/Brazil
Davies/Colombia



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Starr/Philippines

Elmore/Philippines
Jones/Philippines

Loop/Philippines
Robertson/Philippines



Front row: L. Edwards, D. McGregor, P. Risser, J. Holland, R. McPherson, H. Courtney, V. Bird, M. Nicholls. Second row: F. Wymore, D. Ballinger, R. Hicks, H. Clark, V. Gardner, G. Burris, N. Van Cleave, L. Williams, S. Erickson, L. Steward. Third row: J. Hayford, P. Jones, L. Charter, S. Westbrook, J. Cook, C. Duarte, J. Saffell.

THE MISSIONARY CABINET

The Missionary Cabinet consists of the following members: The President, Board of Directors, General Supervisor, District Supervisors, Director of Foreign Missions, International Director of Youth and Christian Education and such other persons as may be appointed by the President, subject to the Board's approval.

Acting in a general advisory capacity to the President and Board, the Missionary Cabinet meets annually to review and make recommendations concerning missionary activities and the appointment of missionary personnel.

MISSIONARY ASSISTS



Marna Miller, Nicaragua



Cathy Geesaman, Panama



Laurie Aldrich, Korea

Missionary Assists are selected to serve in a specific field for 6 to 12 months and while there, aid the missionaries in areas which are assigned to them. These duties may range from secretarial service, teaching and preaching, construction of churches and schools to ministering in the missionaries' homes and assisting with their children.

The purpose of this program is to expose interested youth to the possibilities of missionary ministry, help them to determine God's direction for their lives, as well as provide help ministries to the resident missionaries. A number of those who have served in these short terms have later applied for full-term missionary ministry.

Present missionaries who were at one time a Missionary Assist include: Reverends Jacquelyn Coppens in Guatemala; John and Penny Douglas in Ecuador; Glen Pummel in Chile; Michael and Lolita Frederick in Argentina; Charlotte Meyers in Korea; and Humberto and Terry Paz in Mexico.

This program has taken young people to the Philippines, Australia, Korea, Nigeria, Jamaica, Hong Kong, Japan and Central and South America.



Left to right: Howard Manthe, Carol Gerber, Hope Vollmer, Lester Vollmer, Dr. Leland Edwards, Barbara Edwards, Gairich, Shirley West, Dr. William West.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

The Foreign Missions Department, responsible for carrying out the International Board's instructions, has general supervision of all foreign missionary personnel and mission activities.

Heading the Foreign Missions Department is Dr. Leland Edwards who serves as Director. Reverend Lester Vollmer serves as Executive Secretary and Dr. William West fills the position of Communications and Promotional Coordinator.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

(Conference Workers and Missionary Evangelists):

Rev. & Mrs. A. B. Chaves
Rev. & Mrs. Claire Martin
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Knapp
Rev. Samuel Oppenheim
Rev. Wilma Wright
Rev. & Mrs. Claude Updike

RETIRED

Rev. Dorothy Buck
Rev. Lillian Hemsley
Rev. & Mrs. Vinton Johnson
Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Lee
Rev. & Mrs. Frank Moncivaiz
Rev. Mattie Sensabaugh
Rev. & Mrs. Carl Thompson
Rev. Helen Tuttle
Rev. Frank Ziegler

District Missionary Giving District Jan.-Aug. 1976

Angelus Temple	\$130,137.73
Eastern	81,961.99
Eastern Canada	6,063.57
Great Lakes	97,937.86
Midwest	96,689.92
Northwest	132,451.54
South Central	54,511.99
Southwest	39,433.90
So. California	143,741.09
Southwest	127,707.66
Western	75,551.63
Western Canada	44,166.40

THE LOCAL CHURCH:

MISSIONS PROMOTION

The ever-expanding Foursquare Foreign Missions Program with more than 100 missionaries serving in 31 countries is made possible by sacrificial giving of people around the world. The sending of missionaries to their respective fields of service involves many expenses, and church groups have used many avenues to raise funds for this purpose. Listed below are just a few of the projects which have been used:

NORTH BATTLEFORD, SASK.

"Walk-a-thon"

Through radio and newspaper advertising, the community was given an opportunity to sponsor the church people as they walked for people representing the whole world. A total of \$900 was raised.

OXFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

Bicentennial Contest

The entire Sunday School was divided into two teams—"The Red Coats" and "Minute Men". Progress of each team was marked on a large map. Each Sunday when a team won, a flag was placed at its battle station. The mission's offering was taken in two small covered wagons pulled by a child. The contest closed with a picnic and an auction of home-made articles. This church raised \$510.17.

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Contest

A contest was carried on between individual Sunday School classes. Each class made a replica of something representing missions in which its offering was placed. Three extra Sundays during the year were also set aside for mission's giving. One Sunday was Valentine's Sunday and offerings were pinned on a large heart. Memorial Day Sunday a large wreath titled, "In Memory of Our Living Lord" held the gifts. The third Sunday carried a bicentennial theme.

BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

Countdown Calendars

The calendars were assembled prior to December 1st. Wrapped candies were attached to each date using Scotch tape. Brightly colored candies were also used to create design and a candy cane used for each Sunday's treat. A small wrapped gift was attached which was to be opened on December 25th (usually something enjoyed by both boys and girls). A total of \$400 was raised through this project.



Junior Class missions project, Joplin, Mo.



MISSIONS DIALOGUE

FIELD REPORT:

Members of Foursquare Churches across the land are vitally involved in the Foreign Missions Program and thus world evangelism. They are always anxious to learn about foreign missions. The following questions were recently addressed to the Foreign Missions staff. You will find their answers to be both enlightening and challenging:

Are those not reached with the Gospel really lost?

Of course, we will have to go to Romans, chapter 1 on that. The Bible (I believe we have to operate on the fact of Scripture) talks about how God has revealed Himself in various ways. The Bible says there is *one* Way, *one* Door which is Jesus (Acts 4:12, John 10:9, 14:6). These titles are always in the singular. It also states that no one goes to the Father, but by Him. The command of Jesus Christ is to give the Gospel in an intelligent manner to every person, and this is most important. It is a command, isn't it? Right. We know God is a just Judge and He will take care of the question whether or not they are guilty. But, this does not relieve us of our responsibility of the Great Commission. There can be no excuse.

How can I best support the Foreign Missions Program?

The best way is systematic, regular, consistent, monthly contributions. The Foreign Missions work, of course, is carried out on a budget that is derived from the requests from the missionaries on the field. This budget is drawn up for a total, world-wide program, so that one field does not receive it all or an overwhelming portion. And yet, the ripeness of that field, its need, growth and opportunities are taken into consideration. By giving to missions, an individual is giving to a total program.

How does the systematic giving of the local church affect next year's budget?

Well, it affects this year's budget. We do not operate on last year's funds, we operate on this year's funds. The funds with which we operate our program for 1976 is based on the income we will receive in 1976. "Then, we are actually operating on funds coming in now?" you may ask. Yes. The funds have to come in every month to meet the payroll and the budget requests. The money for budgeted items are only released for those items as it comes in during the year. However, our proposed budget is based on the giving of 1975, plus an increase, a stated increase.

What does \$1,000 do on a foreign field?

There are still some fields where \$1,000 would build a small church, not in concrete and steel, but in raw materials. It will help to equip a new Bible School with basic things. Also, this could help students with working scholarships. Going through our annual budget, we can pick out quite a few pieces of equipment, tools and household furnishings that this would buy, including the purchase of radio time. One's costs vary so much in different countries.

How would you react if I told you that in Colombia we just bought a car for \$10,000? "\$10,000!" Why, I have a friend who has a dealership who can get that same car for \$6,500. But, then, we would have to pay 100% duty on it which is another \$6,500. Then there is \$1,200 shipping costs, so we have \$12,000 to \$14,000 involved, you see. We had to pay \$800 for a refrigerator in Brazil, yet one can be purchased for \$265 in the U.S. A washing machine might cost \$700 in Guatemala.

How much money does it take in Foursquare to win one soul on the foreign field?

That is not an easy question to answer. We could divide the number of conversions reported from all of our fields during the course of 12 months into the number of missionary dollars given during that same period and come up with a figure, per soul. However, that would only be a part of the cost, because in all our churches in each country, the congregations are taught to give, and in many countries we take up missionary offerings as well. At the same time there are many souls won to the Lord that are not recorded, especially in large, evangelistic campaigns.

It would be even more difficult to break it





down by field. In some areas missionaries may labor for years with only a few converts. But, then, the missionaries who follow may see great results. That is happening today. We have fields where few accept Christ because it is not a ripe field, as yet. In other fields it is ripe and the harvest is ready and being brought in. There's a cost to plant, a cost to water, and then there's a cost to harvest. As you can see, it is very difficult to put something spiritual, such as the cost of a conversion, into material values.

How are candidates selected for serving on the mission field?

Our policies state that candidates should be graduates of a Foursquare Bible College and then serve for two years under ministerial appointment. That does not mean they must be pastors. They can be evangelists, or youth ministers, etc. We believe the more prepared an individual is, the better tool he will be in the hands of the Lord in the country to which he plans to go. Language, exposures to different cultures, and good health are also important. It is very helpful to have a good education, as the culture of the people in some countries, today, demands proof of education. It is also good to have determination and not become easily discouraged. A person should not give up when he makes an application for appointment and for some reason doesn't receive it immediately. He should continue praying and preparing himself for the time when the appointment is given. Above all, we want candidates to be men and women of God with a message and a vision.

What about his call to the field? Does the candidate have to be open to serve on any field?

No, not necessarily. He can indicate a specific field. But, if in the application he lists only one field and answers "no" to the question about serving on other fields, then he is limited to that one field, and the door may not be open at that time. Generally speaking, those that specify any field, as the Lord would lead them, make it easier for the National Board to place them. But, we do want them to have the guidance of the Lord. We don't want to go against God's will. This doesn't mean that if they are called to a certain field, and they go to another place that they aren't getting prepared for the field of their calling, eventually. They might just consider it preparatory work, because our missionaries often times serve on many different fields.

What is the length of term that a missionary serves on a foreign field?

We only have one recognized term and that is for five years. We are granting, at the request of the missionaries and for specific reasons, shorter terms of three years with a reduced furlough of around three months. Many of our missionaries are happy with this because they don't want to be away from their fields very long. The age, physical condition of the missionary and the climatical conditions of his field are involved in determining the length of the term of service.

What are the responsibilities of a missionary's wife on the foreign field?

Her first and foremost responsibility, I suppose, is to be a good wife—a real helpmate, one with whom the missionary may discuss matters of the work, and one who will encourage and strengthen him when he needs it. If there are children, then she carries a great responsibility for their care and training, as often the missionary is away a good deal of the time. If no schooling is available, she may even become their teacher.

Most of our missionaries' wives are actively involved in the work. If the missionary is a Pastor, his wife usually helps in the women's, children's or music departments. She may even do some of the preaching and work of evangelism. Where the missionary is involved in a Bible College ministry, she, no doubt, ministers in the school as well, teaching and counseling.

Every missionary has hours of letter writing and secretarial work each week which usually is done by the wife.

We feel our missionaries' wives are tops!

What can the local church do to help the missionary on furlough?

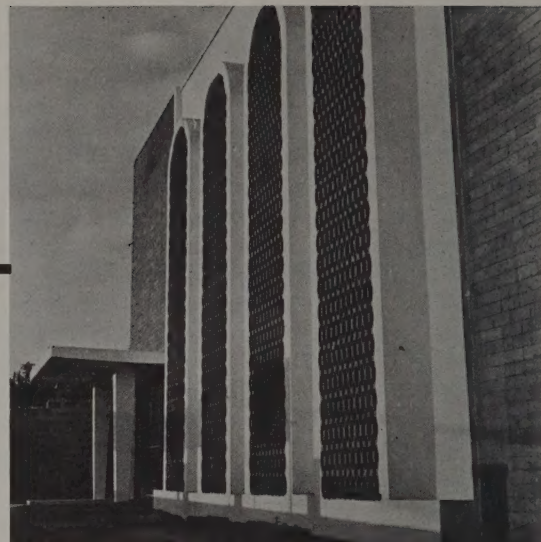
One way a Pastor may help the missionary when he first arrives back home is to enlighten him on ways to communicate to today's culture. After five years away, many things may be different.

Another way to make a missionary feel at ease is to treat him like a normal person, just like anyone else, not as someone strange or greater than the average Christian.

Often there are simple things the missionary has not been able to enjoy in his particular field of service such as certain foods, etc. The congregation might enjoy supplying those "treats" when he visits the church. [4]



THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BY EXTENSION



Dear Missions Co-worker:

We are pleased to report that hundreds of national workers are being trained for Christian ministry as programs of Theological Education by Extension (TEE) are being initiated by Foursquare Bible Colleges around the world. Many new churches are being planted as students, anxious to share what they are learning from self-teaching lessons, reach out to the neighboring communities.

Dr. William West, former missionary to the Philippines, is coordinating the International TEE Program for Foursquare Missions. Steps are being taken to assist fields in starting TEE and to strengthen existing programs. Planning conferences and workshops are being scheduled on many fields.

The countries listed below have ongoing TEE Programs. Others are in the process of starting and need your prayers.

Yours for Theological Education by Extension,

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8 CENTERS
55 STUDENTS

ARGENTINA

6 CENTERS
72 STUDENTS

COSTA RICA

4 CENTERS
50 STUDENTS

ECUADOR

23 CENTERS
300 STUDENTS

PANAMA

2 CENTERS
50 STUDENTS

VENEZUELA

18 CENTERS
325 STUDENTS

PHILIPPINES

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Well, we're still here! Jesus didn't come September 25, 1976. The press on September 26 didn't employ "Rapture Type"—headline type so large that most newspapers have never yet used it to announce a disappearance from earth of millions of believers. Charles Taylor, whose book, "Get All Excited, Jesus is Coming Soon", had stated, "There is overwhelming evidence that" September 6, 1975 "could be that day" (p.94), missed it again this year concerning September 25 which he touted as "a real possibility" in the "Update - Addenda" published for his book.

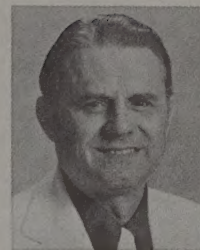
It remains to be seen whether another date will be conjured from feast dates, planetary positions, or other considerations, or whether date-suggesters will follow William Miller's example. When Miller missed predictions in 1843 and 1844 he repented: "I confess my error and acknowledge my disappointment, but I still think the day of the Lord is near."

Date-suggesting unfortunately distracts Christians from attention to their assignments in the world. Basically, the mission of

Christians is missions. Missions means more than leading lost sinners to Christ on foreign fields. Missions includes evangelism abroad and, also, evangelism at home. But, missions means much more than evangelism. It involves nurturing every convert in God's Word and training him to minister in his own particular environment.

Decades ago an American admiral entertained the King of Siam aboard his flagship. The admiral prayed before the meal. His royal guest reflected, "I thought only missionaries prayed over food." "Every Christian," replied the Admiral, "is a missionary—or ought to be." So, assignments come before signs in Christian responsibility. We dare not become so captivated with signs about 666 that we neglect our assignment to minister to a world that is sick, sick, sick. Nor should any become so enthralled with signs like the ten toes of Daniel's image that he fails to use his own two feet to carry out the assignment to go with the Gospel!

Christ commissions every believer to a missionary ministry wherever he is. But, many must be sent to foreign fields and supported. Supporters of Foursquare Missions can be sure that constituencies learn of Jesus the Saviour, Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, Healer, and Soon Coming King. We don't soft-pedal the Second Coming! But, we aren't preoccupied with the expectation to the point that we focus on particular dates or neglect the needs of the world. We are occupying till He comes, while we watch diligently since we know not that day nor hour.



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